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## REVISION FOCUS FOR WRITERS

BODY PARAGRAPH REVISION and TOPIC SENTENCES:

**The paragraph MUST begin with a transition.** Use words or phrases that lead the reader from the idea in one paragraph to the idea in the next.

☐ Is there a transition that starts each body paragraph?

If no, use a transition to introduce your main ideas. Try some of these: at first, later; in the beginning, after moving; initially, subsequently.

**The first sentence of a body paragraph is a topic sentence that summarizes the main ideas of the thesis and extends them using the word “because.”** Underline the topic sentences in the body paragraphs.

☐ Do the topic sentences contain the word “because”?

If no, use the word “because” to extend your ideas.

☐ Do they refer back to the claim you made in your thesis?

If no, use key words from your THESIS to connect the ideas in the paragraph back to your thesis. For example, look at your thesis and try to explore some of the key words or phrases that you used.

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EVIDENCE AND ANALYSIS:

**You will need to evaluate and review the textual examples, quotations, or data that support your main ideas. Remember, it's best to build your evidence in chronological order.**

☐ Is there enough background information so that the reader can understand the importance of your evidence? Have you included enough details to set up your proof?

If no, add more information about the textual example or quote by including details about the setting or prior character conduct.

☐ Is there background information that is confusing and will create confusion or distraction that will weaken your arguments?

If yes, delete or clarify that information about the textual example or quote by deleting or clarifying details about the setting or prior character conduct.

☐ After you use the textual example, quote or data, do you include two to three sentences that explain the evidence?

If no, add another sentence to say the evidence in "your own words," or clarify the evidence.

☐ Elaborate your ideas: Write one additional sentence to make a connection with your main idea. Rephrase or restate how your EVIDENCE best proves your opinionated claim about the greatest challenges of your character. Do you make your best point about why the evidence shows that you are right in your opinion about the greatest challenges?

If no, add another sentence to highlight why the evidence proves your claim.